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Barbara C. Wallace, a native of Park Ridge, Illinois, earned her JD degree from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law in 1977, followed in 1979 with an LL.M degree with highest honors in labor law from the National Law Center of George Washington University. After a clerkship in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, she worked in the General Counsel's Office of the U.S. Department of Education. Ms. Wallace moved to Mississippi where she has practiced labor and employment law since 1983. Her law practice has concentrated on representing employers in discrimination, retaliation and harassment lawsuits, advising employers on personnel practices, and participating in and moderating numerous employment law seminars.

Since 1983, Ms. Wallace has been honored to serve in various capacities with the federal government, including as a member, and then Chair, of the U.S. Department of Education's Civil Rights Reviewing Authority. In addition, Ms. Wallace has been a member of the Board of Directors of Congress's Office of Compliance, which was renamed in 2018 as the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights. In 2017, the leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate appointed her as the Chair of that Board.

Ms. Wallace was elected in 2010 as a Fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She has been named numerous times in the Best Lawyers in America, Mid-South Super Lawyers, and as a Leading Lawyer in Labor and Employment by Chambers USA.